

ANTARCTIC TREATY

Signed at Washington December 1, 1959

Recommendations (16) adopted at the First Consultative Meeting
Canberra July 10 - 24, 1961

Effective date^{*}: April 30, 1962

State	Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America ^{**}
Argentina	September 20, 1961
Australia	October 6, 1961
Belgium	February 16, 1962
Brazil	October 27, 1986
Chile	April 19, 1962
China	December 11, 1985
France	March 6, 1962
Germany ¹	February 17, 1981
India	March 7, 1988
Italy	April 22, 1987
Japan	January 20, 1962
Korea, Rep. of	May 10, 1995
Netherlands	October 10, 2003 ²
New Zealand	October 4, 1961
Norway	March 2, 1962
Poland	July 11, 1977

^{*} Article IX, paragraph 4, of the Antarctic Treaty provides that recommended measures "shall become effective when approved by all the Contracting Parties whose representatives were entitled to participate in the meetings held to consider those measures."

^{**} The date of the Government's approval is considered to be the date of that Government's notification of such approval to other Governments, unless stated otherwise therein. If the notification states that the Government had approved the Recommendations on an earlier date, that date is listed as the date of the Government's approval.

Russian Federation	December 15, 1961
South Africa	April 30, 1962
Spain	April 8, 1988
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	December 1, 1961
United States of America	December 12, 1961
Uruguay	October 10, 1989

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1. Prior to unification of Germany, German Democratic Republic approved all recommendations of First Meeting on August 23, 1988.
 2. Except Recommendations I-11 and I-15 which, in accordance with Decision 3 of ATCM XXV, have become obsolete.

Department of State,
Washington, May 9, 2012.